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Cover: Antonio Chopitea takes a break along with the rest of the senior class during the annual picnic at Staunton Dam.

## Different Company

by Richard Robins

If one is looking for a company with a few different recreation programs, then the company to look for is F Company. About once a month, Captain John McChesney, F Company's housefather, has a skating trip. But that's not all, a few weeks ago, Captain McChesney started a program for Tuesdays and Thursdays when all F troopers will report outside after school. When they fall-out they play whatever game is scheduled for the day. Mr. Wayne Brinkley was originally in charge of the program, but when he became ill, and unable to attend, the program was ended, to some peoples disliking.

However, F Company is not all rec-

reation. There are room inspections at least twice a day, and Sunday Morning Inspection (S.M.I.) every Sunday. Wake-up on school days goes at 6:15 a.m. and every-trooper must be in bed by 9:30 p.m.

F Company has had ten different officers throughout this school year. These officers include four different company commanders. But though the officers change, the rules always remain the same. But certain things do change with the changing of officers. For instances, the amount of drill, and barracks formations, better known as tatoo's.

Ever since the return from spring break, F Company has been doing rea-

sonably well. Some signs of improvement were that making of Honor Company for a week, placing second in the Annual Formal Inspection (AFI), after C Company, and the revival of the Junior Roller Rifles. Parent's Weekend was a good weekend for the F troopers. They took part in the best platoon, best company, and Junior Roller Rifles competitions. The cadets felt they would have done better if it was held on the parade field, instead of the gym.

On May 8, we will take part in the battalion olympics. They are hoping for success, and both platoons feel that they have a good chance for victory.

## Founders Honored

by Carlos Bonnelly

As with every year, AMA had its annual Founder's Day. A day in which the entire corps marches up to the Old Stone Church Cemetery, where General Roller's grave is located. There at the burial site the traditional ceremony is performed. It is a day in which cadets have a holiday. Things are going to be a little different this year.

Instead of having the ceremony on May 8th as is done every year, the

ceremony was held on May 3rd, so all Alumni could also participate in the ceremony. However, the cadets are still given the holiday on May 8th.

This year on May 8th, the actual founder's day, the corps will participate in the Battalion Olympics. Cadets from all of the companies except F will participate. They will compete platoon against platoon, and trophies will be given to the

company who has the highest number of points at the end of the competition.

The points to be awarded are as follows: 3 points for first, 2 for second, and 1 point for third. If a competitor shows bad sportsmanship his company will be penalized two points. A competitor is only allowed to compete in two events. Everyone is waiting to see who is going to be the best company.

# Rain Greets Parents

*by the Bayonet Staff*

Rain greeted parents as they arrived for the Spring Parent's Day on 26 April 1980. However, not even the steady downpour dampened the spirits of the parents, as each set about to learn how his son was doing academically.

Refusing to let the rain rule the day, the military department moved the drill competition and Roller Rifle exhibitions into the gym. The excitement of the competition was heightened as all waited for the cotillion club decorations to be marred by rifles. However, the decorations came through untouched. C Company led by Cadet Captain Michael Gumm was named best company in the competition. The platoon from C Company led by Cadet Lt. Trent Hopkins was selected as best platoon. The Squad from C Company led by Sgt. Miguel Castenada won in its category. Winning the medal as the best individual was Cadet Jorge Torres from Guatemala City.

After the military activities had been completed Parents, faculty and cadets were invited to White Hall to begin an evening of socialization. That evening the senior dance was held in the gym. Complete with military figure led by cotillion club president Jerry Britton and vice-president Todd Livick.

In spite of the foul weather, all concerned were able to say that the day had been informative and enjoyable.

## ID Issued

*by Billy Keeton*

With the new security guard at AMA, ID cards had to be issued to each cadet for identification. On the card is various information such as each cadet's picture, his name, class, and birthdate. These cards must be carried at all times.

Along with the cadets, ID cards were issued to all faculty and staff members. Even AMA's newest mascot, "Tallulah" Colonel Savedge's cocker spaniel pup, received an ID.

ID's were taken to distinguish after hours those who are students and faculty members and to determine whether a person should or should not be on campus.

## Army Inspects

*by Billy Berrora*

It was Thursday morning, nine o'clock, when the Annual Formal Inspection (AFI) team arrived at Augusta. The Battalion Staff, Honor Guard, and Company Commanders made up the receiving team.

After introductions, the team was escorted down to the military department for a briefing by the Staff, and other selected cadets. About an hour later, Major Black, a member of the team, was escorted by Colonel Merritt P. Walls on a tour of the entire grounds, while the cadet corps prepared themselves for the day activities.

There was a Roller Rifle exhibition, and the AFI team was very impressed. They were also impressed by the excellent job of the cadet corps. The performance during the parade, and the sharpness of the ranks inspection, also impressed the team very much. A marching unit from the local high school, Fort Defiance, performed in the parade, and inspection, and added success to the already sharp corps.

After days and weeks of preparation the cadet corps did an excellent job in AMA's Annual Formal Inspection.





# Senior Directory

by Caesar Jaimes

SENIORS! SENIORS! SENIORS! Is the chant most heard. It is that time of the year again, and the seniors' fever has set in with the seniors at Augusta. They have been studying for twelve or more years, and now are ready to get out! Some will go on to college and some won't, but they all will be proud to say, "I'm a high school graduate".

At AMA, seniors are special, and respected by underclassmen. Most are

officers, and hold high positions in the cadet corps. They are a mixture of many different nationalities; Germans, Latin Americans, and of course Americans, but all are very close.

When the seniors speak of themselves, they generally say the same thing. Major Carlos Hernandez says, "We have been studying a lot for this. It was hard work, but we did it. That's all we care about. We made it."

Captain Michael Gumm said, "We are few but we are the big class of nineteen hundred and eighty." The other seniors feel the same way, "We are the few, the proud, the AMA seniors" can be heard chanting as one walks the stoops.

The seniors are almost through with their high school careers. We have appreciated the company and leadership, and we wish them good luck in the future, and of course a wild summer!

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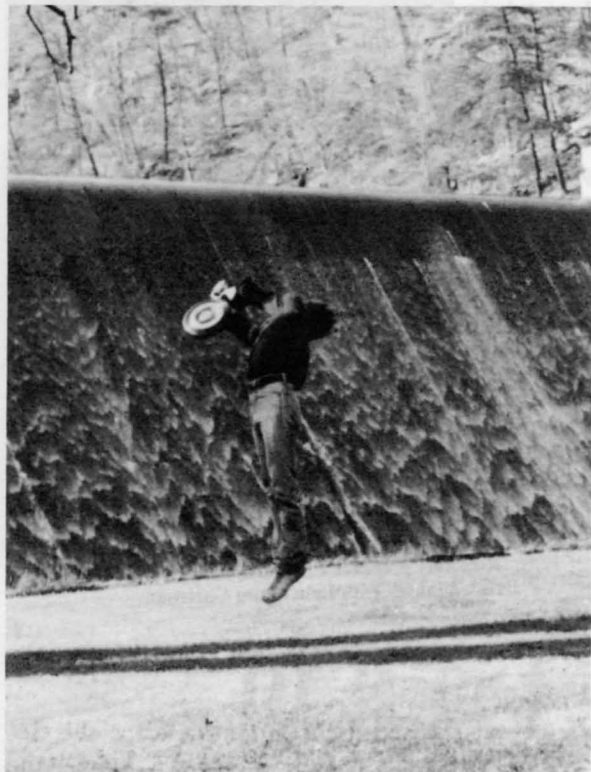
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# Finals

**FRIDAY, MAY 30**

3:00 p.m.—Junior Roller Rifles Drill Exhibition

3:30 p.m.—Exhibition, C. S. Roller III Rifles  
Cadet Colonel Ty M. Miller, Commanding

4:30 p.m.—Sponsors' and Graduates' Parade

5:00 p.m.—Refreshments on Library Lawn for all Parents, Alumni, Faculty, and  
Members of the Graduating Class

8:30 p.m.—Ciceronian Literary Society, Awards Presentation

**SATURDAY, MAY 31**

10:00 a.m.—Baccalaureate Service ..... Augusta Stone Church  
Mr. William S. Morris, Minister Mt. Horeb Presbyterian Church

11:30 a.m.—Closing Exercises ..... Memorial Gymnasium  
Remarks: Col. M. Harris Livick, Superintendent of the Academy  
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12:30 p.m.—Final Formation in Front of Barracks:  
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# Tennis has Winning Season

by Caesar Jaimes

The 1980 tennis team had a very good season. They played six teams this year, and came up with a 4-2 record. They beat Lynchburg Christian Academy 5-3 at AMA and beat Fishburne Military School 8-1 away. They took a defeat, the first at home against North Cross 1-8, and then to Hargrave 2-7 at Hargrave. But the team finished off the season with two wins, Fishburne 6-3 and Lynchburg 8-1, both being home games.

The team had a new player this year, who started at AMA just in time for tennis. Rice Jett was transferred from

Massanutten Military Academy, and was seeded as the number one player. He was followed by Alberto Zimeri seeded number two and his brother Abraham Zimeri, seeded number three. Seeded number four was Carlos Hernandez and seeded fifth was Juan Torres. Last but certainly not least was Pablo Magana, as seeded number six and did an excellent job at that spot.

The final tournament was May 16th, and the team showed its skill. We thank the tennis team and Colonel Tim Mannasmith for a successful tennis season.



Rice Jett prepares to return a shot in a closely contested match with Lynchburg Christian.

## Lacrosse Starts Over

by Bobby McMahon

The 1980 lacrosse team has had to start from scratch. It is coached by Lt. William Sedr, in his second year of coaching lacrosse. Thus far the team has not been able to come up with a win, but does improve with every game. The team lacks experience, with some starters in their first year of playing the game. But each player learns more about the game after every game. They have met up with many of the top ranked teams in the state. Such as Albemarle, and Western Albemarle, and Lexington Lacrosse Club.

However, the teams record does not tell the whole story. They have never left the field without a tough game, which the other team will not forget in the near future.

The tough defense really stands out, with Scott Johnson keeping scorers out

at crease. Trent Hopkins keeps the offense out of "Hopkin's Land" on one wing, while Billy Cash is knocking down shots and passes on the other wing, in his first year of playing lacrosse. Bobby McMahon and Dan Lepley, are the back-up men, also in their first year, for the defense. Steve Reech and Taylor Livick play the goalie position.

The offense also stands out with excellence in ballhandling. Starting with Jerry Britton, in his seventh year of lacrosse, playing midy, with Bruce Justice and Todd Livick on either side of him. The offensive attackmen are Taylor Livick, Tony Chopitea, and Santiago Frias. They are backed up by Denise Rabbani, Ernest Gasten, John Hahn, J.C. Castenada, and Brian Longstreet. Juan Carlos Cardenas who played attack was injured, and has been unable to play this season.



Steve Reech (17) warms up goalie Taylor Livick while waiting for the Lacrosse game to start.



# Baseball Lose Popularity

by Sandy Gonzalez

Spring Sports are the sports most played throughout the whole academic year. One of these sports is the never forgotten "Baseball", even though it has lost popularity with the uprising of lacrosse, baseball is still well known all over the United States.

This years baseball team worked very hard, with the help of coach Doug Lucas, who offered a lot of time, patience, and skill with all the players. The assistant Coach was Captain Harry Lang who donated all the gum that was chewed in the games.

The team was composed of the Captain, Juan Garcia, 2nd, 1st base and pitcher; sub-captain, Ricardo Pichardo, pitcher, shortstop; Sandy Gonzalez, 3rd

base; Ricky Clary, shortstop, pitcher; Juan Carlos Iglesias, right field and catcher; Roberto Guirola, right field and left field; Mike Teague, pitcher and catcher; Donny Polanis, left field; Lance Butler, center field; Carlos Bonnelly, first base and right field; Mike Castenada, 2nd base and scorekeeper; Marco Paz, center field; and Dough Dobbs, 2nd base.

The team was not only composed of teammates, but of athletes bound together by friendship, and respect. This we owe to the leadership of our coach.

Even though the team did not do very well this season, the players are decided to come back next year and show their superiority.



Donnie Polanis reaches out to stop a Holy Cross runner from returning to first base.

## Lacrosse

AMA	0	Albemarle High	7
AMA	1	Western Albemarle	6
AMA	0	Western Albemarle	9
AMA	1	Roanoke Catholic	5
AMA	0	North Cross	7
AMA	1	North Cross	5

## Tennis

AMA	5	Lynchburg Christian	3
AMA	8	Fishburne	1
AMA	1	North Cross	8
AMA	2	Hargrave	7
AMA	6	Fishburne	3
AMA	8	Lynchburg Christian	1

## Baseball

AMA	2	Blue Ridge	16
AMA	1	Blue Ridge	17
AMA	1	Fishburne	7
AMA	0	Lynchburg Christian	10
AMA	1	Lynchburg Christian	5
AMA	1	Hargrave	2
AMA	0	Hargrave	5
AMA	1	Fishburne	15
AMA	1	Holy Cross	8
AMA	0	Holy Cross	2
AMA	0	Boys' Home	5

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# Supply SGT. Added

*by Chris Meek*

AMA now has a new supply sergeant, Sam Watts. He is also in the National Guard in Staunton, Virginia.

Sgt. Watts is originally from Cleveland, Ohio where he attended John F. Kennedy Senior High School. After high school he attended Fayetteville Technical Institute in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Sgt. Watts enlisted in the Army at the age of 17. He served a three year tour and was awarded Vietnam Service Bar, Good Conduct Ribbon, and a Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service in Vietnam. He was three years in the 82nd Airborne Unit. Being in the army he has traveled many places like; Swale, Manua, Yokado, Japan, and many other places. He trained to be airborne at Fort Benning, Georgia, now he specializes in the medical department, and he is in the National Guard in Staunton as parttime. Sgt. Watt likes working at Augusta Military Academy because he likes kids.

He is married and has a daughter. His hobbies are fishing, softball, and swimming. He says that he is happy with his job and glad to work at AMA.

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